

FISCAL NOTE

SB 941 - HB 1733

March 6, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes public school teachers to enroll in one course per term at any state-supported college or university or area vocational technical school without paying tuition charges, maintenance fee, student activity fees, or registration fees. Enrollment privileges may be limited or denied on an individual basis according to space availability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

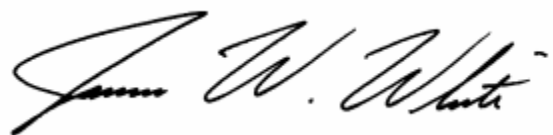
**Increase State Expenditures - \$7,314,400 FY07-08
\$7,605,700 FY08-09**

Assumptions:

- Eligible teachers will use the fee waiver to complete the required coursework for recertification or to pursue graduate degrees.
- An estimated 5% of teachers will participate in the program at any given time.
- There were 60,691 teachers reported in the 2005-06 annual statistical report.
- An estimated 3,035 FTE (60,691 x 5%) teachers would take courses each semester.
- The average cost of the program in FY07-08 is estimated to be \$2,410 per year.
- First year costs (FY07-08) are estimated to be \$7,314,350 (\$2,410 x 3,035 per FTE teacher).
- Second year costs (FY08-09) are estimated to be \$7,605,710 (\$2,506 x 3,035 per FTE teacher).
- Tuition is estimated to increase at a rate of 4% per year.
- The teachers eligible to use such fee waiver will be less to the extent funds appropriated for this purpose are not sufficient to meet the needs of all teachers electing to take such courses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

